

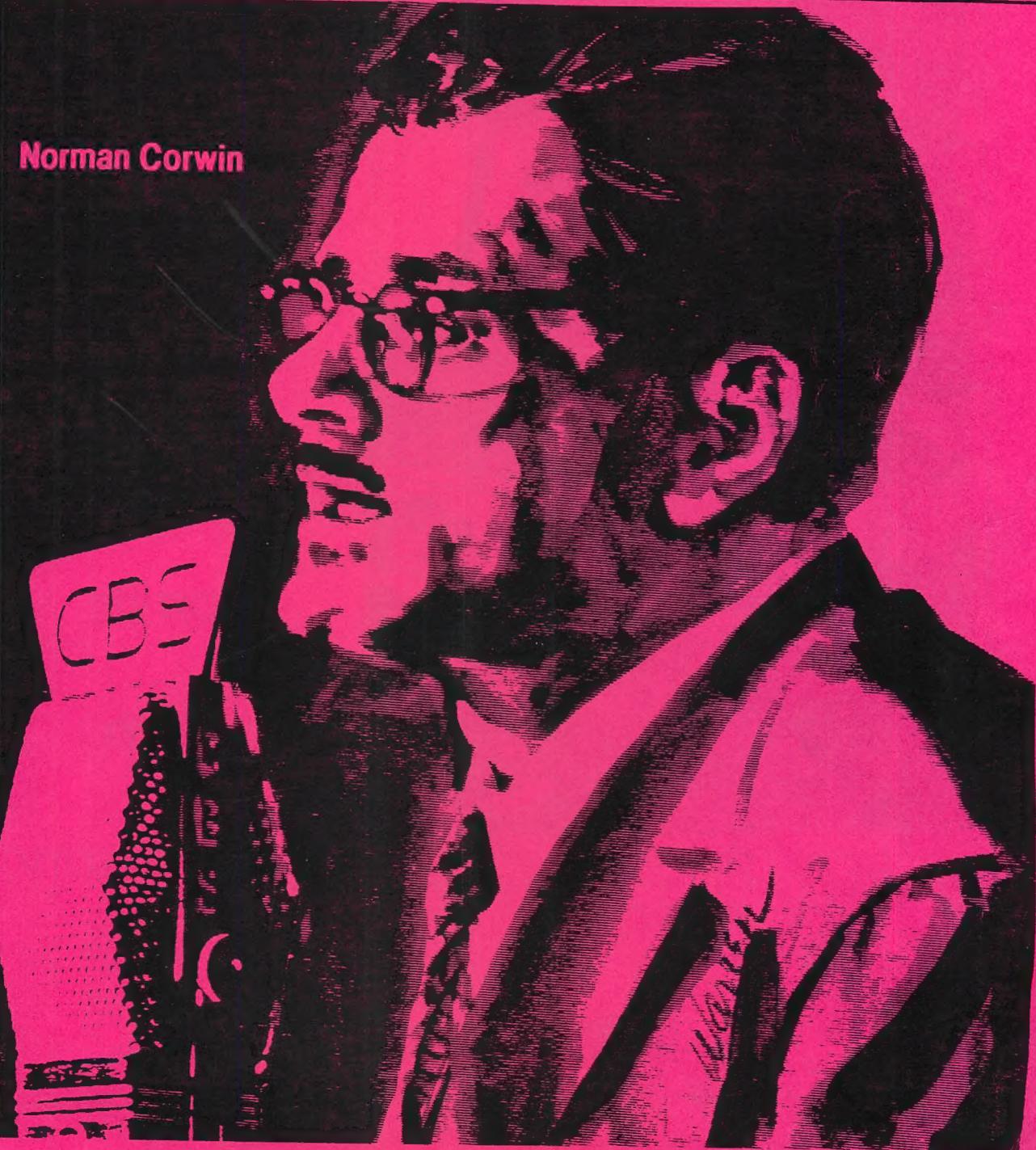


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Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

**Parley Baer** - Gunsmoke  
**Ray Erlenborn** - (sound effects artist)  
**Bob Hastings** - Archie Andrews  
**Richard Wilson** - Mercury Theater

New East Coast Guests

**Hendrik Booraem, Jr.** - (Director) March of Time  
**Eddie Bracken** - Aldrich Family; Eddie Bracken Show  
**Richard Dana** - (Writer) March of Time; We, The People  
**Betty Winkler Keene** - Attorney at Law, Girl Alone  
**Abby Lewis** - House in the Country; Road of Life  
**Betty Mandeville** (Writer) FBI in Peace and War  
**Rosemary Rice** - Archie Andrews, When a Girl Marries

Returnees

**Arthur Anderson** - Let's Pretend  
**George Ansbro** - (Announcer) Ethel and Albert  
**Barney Beck** - (Sound effects artist) Nick Carter, The Shadow  
**Jackson Beck** - (Announcer) Superman  
**Court Benson** - Tennessee Jed, Big Sister  
**Fran Carlon** - Big Town  
**Lon Clark** - Nick Carter  
**Louise Erickson** - Great Gildersleeve, A Date with Judy  
**Lucille Fletcher** - (Writer) Sorry, Wrong Number; The Hitchhiker

**Ruth Franklin** - AFTRA officer; commercials  
**Ed Herlihy** - (Announcer) Kraft  
**Raymond Edward Johnson** - Mandrake, the Magician  
**Robert E. Lee** - (Actor, producer, editor) Comic Weekly Man  
**Ann Loring** - AFTRA officer  
**Grace Matthews** - The Shadow  
**Ken Roberts** - (Announcer) The Shadow, Ellery Queen  
**Terry Ross** - Sound effects artist  
**Sidney Slon** - (Producer, director, writer)  
**Arnold Stang** - Henry Morgan, Let's Pretend  
**Margot Stevenson** - The Shadow  
**Ezra Stone** - The Aldrich Family  
**Sybil Trent** - Let's Pretend, Stella Dallas  
**Dwight Weist** - (Announcer and actor) The Shadow

Events

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Some may be added or dropped depending on additional guests or other changes. Time will be announced at the convention.

Thursday

Informal Time  
Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:30  
Visit with your friends and the special guests; browse in the dealers room; informal panel

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Room: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Gary Yogg leads discussion of Lux Radio Theater  
Presenting Raymond Edward Johnson  
The Dave Warren Players  
Sound Effects (Barney Beck)  
A visit with Ray Erlenborn

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Meet the guests

Re-creation (Lux Radio Theater; You Can't Take it with You; with Margot Stevenson)

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Room: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Early drama on CBS (Anthony Tollin)

Gunsmoke panel (Gabor and SuzAnne Barabas, Parley Baer)

Mercury Theater panel (Richard Wilson and Arthur Anderson)

Dick Tracy on Radio (Sidney Slon, Bill Nadel)

Re-creation (Gunsmoke or Mercury Theater show)

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Dave Warren Players present Amos & Andy

A Tribute to CBS

Re-creation (Mercury Theater show or Norman Corwin show)

Awards and donations

Getting There

By Air: **Continental Airline is the official airline** for our convention. See details on **attached notice**.

Free shuttle bus from airport. From LaGuardia or Kennedy, take limousine service or helicopter to Newark airport; then free shuttle

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport; then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked **SERVICE ROAD** after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked service road. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the blue sign marked **SERVICE ROAD**. Follow to hotel.

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to **SERVICE ROAD**.

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. Prepaid tickets are held at the door

**Thursday, October 18th: \$25.00.** Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. **Please indicate** choice when you make your reservation.

**Friday, October 19th: Daytime only** (9 am - 5:30 pm) **\$8.00** if paid in advance; **\$10.00** at the door.

**Friday, October 19th: Daytime and evening** including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) **\$35.00.** Discount of **\$3.00** for those over 62 and under 16.

**Saturday, October 20th: Daytime only** (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) **\$8.00** if paid in advance; **\$10.00** at the door.

**Saturday, October 20th: Daytime and evening** including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) **\$40.00.** Discount of **\$3.00** for those over 62 and under 16.

**Dinner Tables** sit 10. **See attached notice**

**Complimentary** coffee Thursday, Friday and Saturday; complimentary Danish on Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Dealer's Tables** are **\$35.00** each plus appropriate registration fees. 46 tables are available on Friday and Saturday. Please reserve as soon as possible. They went fast last year.

**Hotel:** **\$60.00** for a single, **\$65.00** for a double. Reserve rooms with me when you send in convention registration. Pay for rooms upon arrival. Rooms should be reserved by October 12th. Give me details such as names, nights, etc. Remember **send no money for the hotel room**.

**Ads:** Ads may be placed in our program book. **See attached notice**. This will be a special, enlarged, 15th - anniversary book

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 220; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson

**Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. (203) 248-2887**

For further information you may also contact Anthony Tollin (201) 575-6849.

## Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

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### Updated and Further Information

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#### Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and will be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. It worked well last year, except a few people sat where they wanted to anyway and caused some confusion. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. All those who register at the door or who have no preference, will sit where there is room. Table reservations must be made in advance.

#### Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 15th years and we will have an expanded program book with photographs of highlights of previous years. Cost for ads are:

<b>Full Page</b> - 8 1/2 by 11	<b>\$60</b>	<b>Half Page</b> - 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11	<b>\$40</b>
<b>Quarter Page</b> - 4 by 5	<b>\$20</b>		

Dealers at our convention may take a 25% discount on the ad. Help support our 15th annual convention.

#### Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night.

#### Air Lines

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## SCHEDULE

## THURSDAY

## DRESDEN

SUTTON/ASCOT

10:00 - 5:30 Sound effects set-up; mingle; coffee from 1:00 pm

5:30 - 8:30 Cocktails and dinner  
8:30 - 10:30 Visit with guests and friends; set up dealers room; informal panel

## FRIDAY

10:00 - 11:00 Gary Yogg and Art Pierce present Lux Radio Theater: a workshop

11:30 - 12:00 Meet Bob Mott; author of book on Sound Effects

12:00 - 1:00 Sound Effects Workshop with Barney Beck and Bob Mott

1:15 -2:30 Book and Box Meet  
(Closed – Rehearsal for Lux)

2:45 – 3:45 (Closed – Rehearsal for Lux)

4:00 – 5:00 Raymond Edward Johnson presents  
"War of the Worlds" Comics and Radio (Jack French)

## THE KING OF THE WORLDS

5:30 - 7:00 Cocktails

7:00 - 8:30 Dinner; visit with the guests; Raffle

8:45 – 9:45 Re-creation (Lux Radio Theater) ‘You Can’t Take it With You’ with Margaret Stevenson, Abby Lewis, Ezra Stone, Rosemary Rice and Florence Williams

10:00 - 10:45 Panel (To be decided)

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## SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

#### DRESDEN

9:00 - 10:00 Gunsmoke panel with SuzAnne and Gabor Barabas, Parley Baer  
10:30 - 11:45 Mercury Theater panel (Elliott Reid, Richard Wilson, Arthur Anderson, Bill Herz, Anthony Tollin)  
12:00 - 1:00 (Closed - Rehearsal)  
1:15 - 2:00 (Closed - Rehearsal)  
2:15 - 3:15 Re-creation: Mercury Theater On The Air: directed by Richard Wilson; starring Elliott Reid, Arthur Anderson, Bill Herz; with Raymond E. Johnson as "Dracula."  
3:30 - 4:15 (Closed - Rehearsal)  
4:15 - 5:00 (Closed - Rehearsal)

5:00 - 6:30 Cocktails  
6:30 - 8:00 Dinner; visit with the guests; Raffle  
8:15 - 8:45 Tribute to CBS (Featuring announcers and commercials)  
9:00 - 9:45 Re-creation ("A Plot to Overthrow Christmas"; directed by Norman Corwin; starring Burgess Meredith, Dwight Weist, Eddie Bracken and Bob Dryden)  
9:45 - 10:30 Awards; Donation; Closing

#### SUTTON/ASCOT

Joan Benny about Jack Benny  
Dick Tracy on Radio (Sidney Slon, Bill Nadel)

A look at "Suspense" (Don Ramlow, Lucille Fletcher)  
Ron Lackmann with Peg Lynch and others look at  
"Ethel and Albert," "Little Things in  
Life" and other programs.

## ANNOUNCING...

The formation of **Avpro™**, a new business resulting from the merger of Aston's Adventures, Audio Classics™ and BRC Productions.

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## SPECIAL GUESTS

**ARTHUR ANDERSON** - *Tony and Gus, Let's Pretend*

**GEORGE ANSBRO** - (Announcer) ABC

**BARNEY BECK** - (Sound effects artist) *ILAM*

**JACKSON BECK** - (Announcer) *Superman, Mark Trail; Cisco Kid*

**JOAN BENNY** - (Daughter of Jack Benny)

**COURT BENSON** - *Tennessee Jed; Big Sister*

**HENDRIK BOORAEM, Jr.** - (Director) *March of Time*

**EDDIE BRACKEN** - *Aldrich Family; Eddie Bracken Show*

**FRAN CARLON** - *Big Town*

**LON CLARK** - *Nick Carter*

**NORMAN CORWIN** - (Writer) *Columbia Presents Corwin; many specials*

**PHYLLIS CREORE** - (Actress and singer) *Canteen Girl*

**BOB DRYDEN** - *Superman, ILAM, Big Town*

**LUCILLE FLETCHER** - (Writer) *Sassy, Wrong Number; The Hitchhiker*

**RUTH FRANKLIN** - AFTRA officer

**EARL GEORGE** - *Captain Midnight, Ma Perkins*

**BOB HASTINGS** - *Archie Andrews, The Sea Hound*

**ED HERLIHY** - (Announcer) *Kraft, many others*

**BILL HERZ** - *Mercury Theater*

**RAYMOND EDWARD JOHNSON** - *Inner Sanctum, Young Hickory*

**ROBERT E. LEE** - (actor, announcer, producer, editor) *Comic Weekly Man*

**ABBY LEWIS** - *House in the Country; Road of Life*

**ANN LORING** - *Our Gal Sunday*

**PEG LYNCH** - *Ethel and Albert*

**TED MALLIE** - (Announcer) *The Shadow, many Mutual shows*

**BETTY MANDEVILLE** - (Writer) *FBI in Peace and War*

**CHARLOTTE MANSON** - *Nick Carter*

**GRACE MATTHEWS** - *The Shadow*

**BURGESS MEREDITH** - *Pursuit of Happiness, Red Davis, Mercury Theater*

**ROSEMARY RICE** - *Archie Andrews, The Right to Happiness*

**KEN ROBERTS** - (Announcer) *The Shadow; Ellery Queen*

**ADELE RONSON** - *Buck Rogers, John's Other Wife*

**TERRY ROSS** - (Sound effects artist)

**SIDNEY SLON** - (producer, writer, director)

**MARY SMALL** - (singer) had many shows of her own

**ARNOLD STANG** - *Henry Morgan; Let's Pretend*

**BOB STEEL** - (director) *Ellery Queen; Aunt Jenny*

**MARGOT STEVENSON** - *The Shadow*

**EZRA STONE** - *Aldrich Family*

**ARTHUR TRACY** - "The Street Singer"

**SYBIL TRENT** - *Let's Pretend, Stella Dallas*

**DWIGHT WEIST** - (Announcer and actor) *Big Town, The Shadow, Aldrich Family*

**FLORENCE WILLIAMS** - *Front Page Farrell, Barry Cameron*

**RICHARD WILSON** - *Mercury Theater*

**BETTY WINKLER KEENE** - *Attorney at Law; Girl Alone*

**BETTY WRAGGE** - *Pepper Young's Family*

## SPECIAL GUEST BIOS

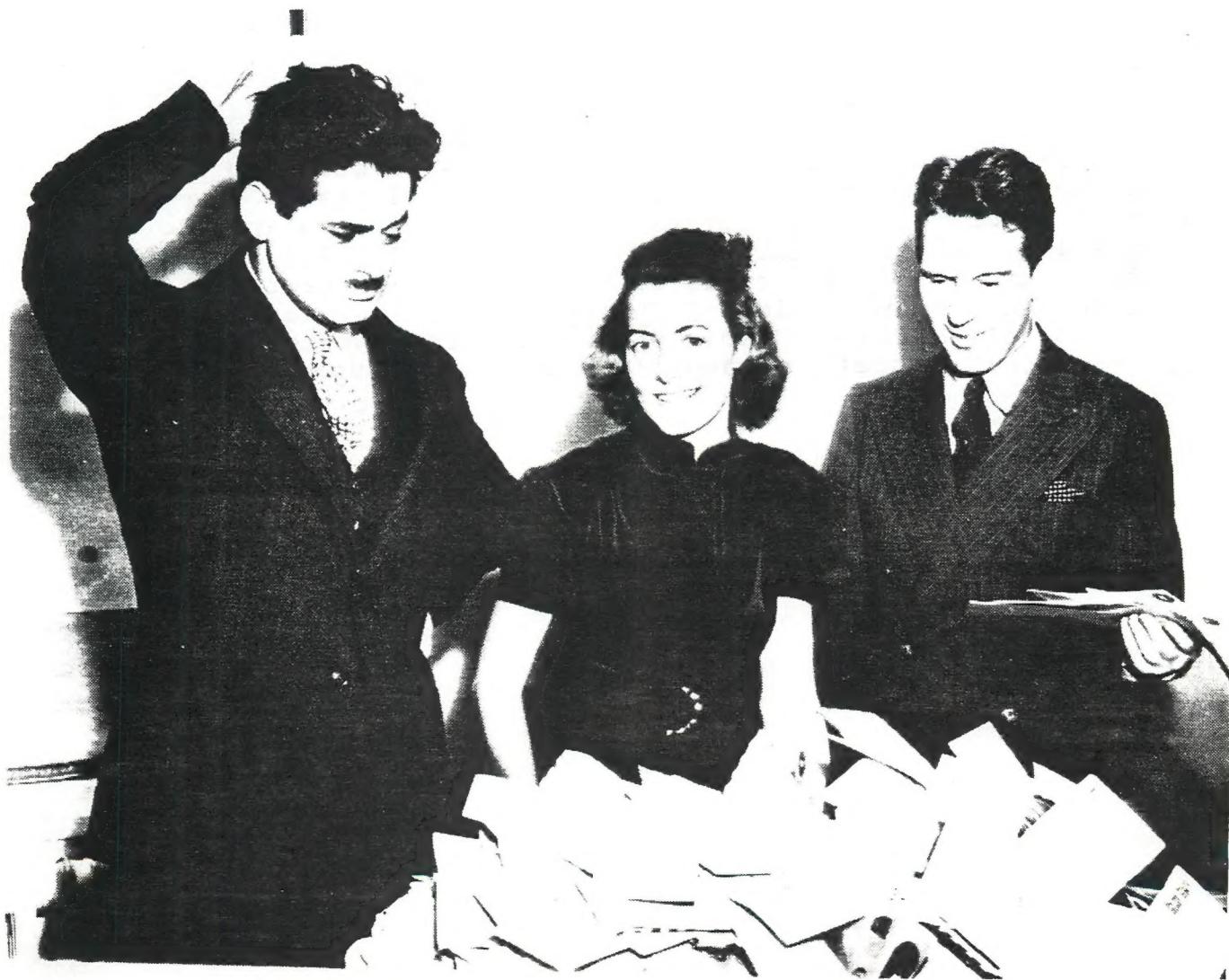
### NORMAN CORWIN - writer, director, producer, actor

Norman Corwin has deservedly been called radio's poet laureate. Much of the material he wrote and produced for radio ranks with the very best creations for stage and screen. "Discovered" by CBS vice-president William B. Lewis in 1935, Corwin was soon given his own network show. Called Words Without Music because its minimal budget prevented the use of music, the series attracted extraordinary attention. This led to a new series with a bigger budget - a variety show devoted to Americana called Pursuit of Happiness. Later came 26 By Corwin broadcast in 1941 which ranged from a lighthearted look at radio ("Radio Primer") to the somber "Psalm for a Dark Year". Corwin was selected to prepare a special program commemorating the one hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the Bill of Rights. By the time "We Hold These Truths" aired, the United States was at war and the broadcast became "a national manifesto of its war aims." In similarly eloquent fashion VE day was celebrated with "On a Note of Triumph" which so caught the mood of the American people that it led to a best selling book edition and record album. A few months later the equally moving "14 August" commemorated the surrender of the Japanese. Another Corwin special, "Word from the People," marked the dedication of the United Nations. Among the many other Corwin programs were comedies, fantasies, satires and excursions into history, folklore, opera, poetry and documentary. Perhaps, the most popular and often repeated of all Corwin radio dramas was one of his first - a playful holiday offering entitled "The Plot to Overthrow Christmas." Using a sort of "footnote" voice along with a narrator, it was both an experiment in and a comment on the medium of radio. It will be a joy to see it recreated at our convention this weekend by the man who epitomizes the golden age of radio at its creative best.



## BURGESS MEREDITH

Some may remember Burgess Meredith as the feisty manager in the first three Rocky films; others may recall his delightful portrayal of The Penguin in the Batman TV series; still others will never forget the meek bookworm he played in the classic 1959 episode of The Twilight Zone, "Time Enough at Last." Meredith began his acting career as a stage actor in the thirties which led to his great triumph in Winterset (1935) in a role written especially for him by playwright Maxwell Anderson. His radio career also began in the early thirties when he created the role of Red Adams (later changed to Red Davis), predecessor of the popular soap character, Pepper Young. On March 4, 1937, he played a feature role in the Columbia Workshop broadcast of Archibald MacLeish's classic verse play, "The Fall of the City." In 1939 he teamed with Norman Corwin as "master of ceremonies" on Corwin's ground-breaking Pursuit of Happiness series. He later appeared on Lincoln Highway, CBS's big Saturday morning dramatic show, and starred in the first broadcast of The Theatre Guild on the Air, "Wings Over Europe" on September 9, 1945. Meredith's radio work spanned the gamut from Hamlet (1937) to the host of We, the People (late forties). He also appeared as a featured guest on several of Orson Welles' Campbell Playhouse broadcasts. He entered television during its early live period in the fifties appearing on such dramatic showcases as Robert Montgomery Presents, Lights Out and General Electric Theater. He earned an Emmy as best supporting actor for his portrayal of lawyer Joseph Welch in the docudrama, Tail Gunner Joe in 1977.



SPECIAL GUEST BIOS (cont.)

ELLIOTT REID

A radio veteran whose career spanned three decades, Elliott Reid appeared as Melvin Castlebury, friend of Billy and Betty on their 1935 children's series. He was a supporting cast member in a number of Orson Welles productions including "Seventeen" and "Pickwick Papers" on The Mercury Theatre on the Air and "The Patriot" and "The Magnificent Ambersons" on the Campbell Playhouse. He played on The March of Time in such roles as King Farouk and he appeared on a number of radio's most popular soap operas including Pepper Young's Family, Lorenzo Jones (as Nick), and Carol Kennedy's Romance. His other radio credits include "The Mighty Show" and "Treasure House." He later starred as Philip Cameron in the final years of Against the Storm and was one of the last hosts of The U. S. Steel Hour for the Theatre Guild on the Air.

RICHARD WILSON

A long time friend and associate of Orson Welles, Richard Wilson appeared in the classic "War of the Worlds" broadcast of The Mercury Theatre on the Air. He became a member of Welles' radio repertory company as an actor and production assistant after working with Welles in his federal theatre project. Wilson went to Hollywood with Welles to work on a production of Joseph Conrad's Heart of Darkness (which never materialized) and stayed to become part of one of the finest films ever made, Citizen Kane. He spent the rest of his career working as producer, director and/or in some other executive capacity on numerous films, mostly for Paramount. His credits include Al Capone, Pay or Die, Three in the Attic, Man with a Gun and Invitation to a Gunfighter. He was also involved in the production of the highly popular Ma and Pa Kettle film series. Wilson's devotion to radio continues to the present day. He is active in efforts to save old acetates of programs so that future generations will be able to experience and appreciate the wonders of radio. In 1988, he made available a number of audio tapes of some of Welles' best radio work and assisted in the production of Theatre of the Imagination, a superb 6-hour audio collection of "Radio Stories by Orson Welles and the Mercury Theatre." Hopefully there will be another volume in the near future.

Program bios by Gary A. Yogg



## OTHER INFORMATION

**CONFERENCE ROOMS #1, 2, 3 and 4:** Available Thursday night through Saturday night. They should be used for interviews, meetings and rehearsals.

1. **No smoking in convention area, please.**
2. Do not interview in hallways and please do not congest the registration area. Interviews are to be held in the conference rooms mentioned above.
3. **Interviews and autographs are NOT to be gotten in the workshop rooms after the workshops. Use the conference rooms. We must get ready for the next workshop.**
4. A cash sandwich bar will be open for lunch on Friday and Saturday in convention area. Complimentary coffee, bagles and muffins will be available Friday and Saturday mornings.

## PERSONS TO CONTACT

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TAPES** - Don Ramlow, 509 Velvet St., Portage, MI 49081  
**SOUND EFFECTS** - Terry Ross, 144-15 41st Ave., Flushing, NY 11355

## COMMITTEE AND WORKSHOP LEADERS

**GENERAL CHAIRMAN:**

Jay Hickerson

**PROGRAM AND RE-CREATION DIRECTOR:**

Anthony Tollin

**PUBLICITY:**

Lee Munsick

**GUEST COORDINATOR**

Bill Nadel

## **ALL OTHERS:**

Don Aston  
Bob Burchett  
Barbara Davies  
Dave Davies  
Dave Easter  
Jack French  
Lee Munsick  
Mary Ramlow  
Adrienne Tollin  
Gary Yogg  
Art Pierce

Ken Piletic  
Bob Burnham  
SuzAnne Barabas  
Jan Easter  
Gabor Barabas  
Karen Hickerson  
Don Ramlow  
Terry Ross  
Dave Warren  
Barney Beck

## FUTURE CONVENTION DATES:

1991: October 24 - 26  
1992: October 22 - 24  
1993: October 21 - 23

## REMINISCING

Old-time radio buffs have been honoring the radio stars of yesteryear annually since 1971, when our first old-time radio convention was held. The popularity of the conventions has grown steadily over the past 19 years. The first convention hosted 4 special guests. This year we are honoring over 50 actors, actresses, writers, producers, directors and technicians who made the age of radio a truly golden era. What better way to pay tribute to all our guests than to meet them in person at this, our 15th annual convention of the **FRIENDS OF OLD-TIME RADIO**, and express the enjoyment their performances brought and still bring to us. Our lives have been greatly enriched by the talents of those we honor today.

The **FRIENDS OF OLD-TIME RADIO, Inc.** is a group of fans and collectors who meet once a year for this non-profit convention. All monies collected are used for hotel, transportation and other convention costs.

## RECIPIENTS

### ALLEN ROCKFORD AWARD

1979	Ken Piletic	1985	Dick Osgood
1980	Charles Ingersoll	1986	Frank Bresee
	John Dunning	1987	SPERDVAC
1981	Charles Stumpf	1988	Barbara Watkins
1982	Roger Hill		Barry Hill
1983	Ray Stanich	1989	Bob Burchett
1984	Jim Snyder		Terry Salomonson
	Bob Burnham		

### SPECIAL AWARDS

1979	Raymond Edward Johnson	1985	Ken Ross
	Rosa Rio		Terry Ross
1980	Bob Prescott Jr.		Mrs. Brace Beemer
	Pete Prescott		Jay Hickerson
1981	Mike Warren	1986	Max Schmid
1982	(None)	1987	Sidney Slon
1983	Arthur Anderson		Anthony Tollin
	Fran Striker Jr.	1988	Bob Steele
1984	Don Richardson	1989	Florence Williams
	Jackson Beck		Dwight Weist
			Joe Franklin

### DONATIONS

1987	Frank Nelson Scholarship Fund	1989	Society for Singers
	Veteran's Bedside Network		Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation
	Actor's Fund		

**This convention is in memory of Arnold Moss**

## A Look at the Past

Old-time radio conventions were held in Connecticut starting in 1971. It was in 1976 that The Friends of Old-time Radio was formed. The first two years from 1976 to 1977, the conventions were held at the Holiday Inn in Meriden, Connecticut. The next four years it was held at the Holiday Inn in Bridgeport, Connecticut. This is the 9th year it is being held at the Holiday Inn - North in Newark.

**1976.** **Jackson Beck** and **Raymond Edward Johnson** were present at this one-day convention and have been just about every year since. **Jack Beck**, **Evie Juster**, **James Maloney**, **Lee Stanley** and **Don MacLaughlin** starred in "The FBI in Peace and War." **Ham O'Hara** provided the sound effects. One hundred sixty fans and guests were present. Members of the original committee were Julie and Larry DeSalvatore, Ann and Peter Greco, Lora Palmer, Joe Webb, Stu Weiss, Carol and Bob Witte.

**1977.** **Rosa Rio** provided organ music and would do so for several years. "Our Gal Sunday" and "The Shadow" starring **Mandel Kramer** and **Grace Matthews** were presented. **Ed Blaineney** provided the sound effects. **Warren Somerville** directed. Other new guests present were **Court Benson**, **Fred Foy**, **James Monks**, **Vicki Vola** and **Blair Walliser**. Ken Piletic joined the committee.

**1978.** Performed were "The Romance of Helen Trent" starring **Alice Reinheart**; "Front Page Farrell" and "Counterspy" were also performed. Some new guests present were **Lee Allman**, **George Ansbro**, **Ira Ashley**, **Bob Dixon**, and **Betty Wragge**. **Bob Prescott** senior and junior helped **Ed Blaineney** with the sound effects.

**1979.** The convention began Friday evening this year. The first Allen Rockford Award was given to Ken Piletic. Anthony Tollin came for the first year and presented a Shadow slide show. Performed were "Joyce Jordan," "Mark Trail" starring **Jackson Beck** and "Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar" starring **Mandel Kramer** and **Don MacLaughlin**. Also present were **Ralph Bell**, **Ward Byron**, **Bill Griffis**, **Art Hanna**, **Peg Lynch**, **Ted Mallie**, **Ian Martin**, **Ted Malone**, **Arnold Stang** and **Sybil Trent**. We began getting more fans from all over the country and Canada. **Bob Prescott** and his two sons, **Bob** and **Pete** were now doing the sound effects.

**1980.** Performed were Cinderella from "Let's Pretend" with **Arthur Anderson**, **Gwen Davies**, **Don Hughes**, **Evie Juster**, **Bill Lipton** and **Sybil Trent**. Jay Hickerson presented the first of several sing-a-longs. Also presented were "Strange" hosted by **Walter Gibson** and "Death Across the Board" from Inner Sanctum hosted by **Ray Johnson**. Also present were **Fran Carlon**, **Betty Tyler Karp**, **Rita Lloyd**.

**1981.** The conventions were now being video taped by Ken Piletic. They had up to this point just been audio taped. Bob Burchett was our unofficial photographer almost every year. Re-created were "My True Story," and "Nick Carter" with **Lon Clark** and **Charlotte Manson**. **Arthur Tracy** entertained us with songs for the first of several conventions. New guests present included **Nancy Douglass**, **Elspeth Eric**, **Teri Keane**, **Ann Loring**, **Arnold Moss**, **Bill Owen**, **Sidney Slon** and a special appearance by **Kenny Delmar**.

**1982.** The convention was now in Newark. Re-creations included "Aunt Jenny," and "The Green Hornet" with **Dwight Weist**, **Ezra Stone**, **Jack Beck** and **Lee Allman**. Some new guests present were **Don Buka**, **Jack Grimes**, **Abby Lewis**, **Dick Osgood**, **Frank Papp**, **Ruth Russell**, **Terry Ross**, **Jane Ward**, **Florence Williams** and **Alice Yourman**. **Terry Ross** now handled the sound effects. Karen Hickerson entertained us for the first of several times with a few songs.

**1983.** The convention now lasted 2 days. From now on we have had about 45 dealers. **Parley Baer** was our first West Coast guest. Re-created were "The Brave Little Tailor" from Let's Pretend directed by **Arthur Anderson** with much of the original cast; Anthony Tollin directed "The Shadow" with **Ken Roberts, Margot Stevenson, Gertrude Warner** and **Jack Beck**. Some new guests present were **Joan Bishop, Nancy Coleman, Helen Coule, Cliff Carpenter, Ruth Duskin, Bob Guilbert, Pat Hosley, Ernest Ricca, Karl Weber** and **Miriam Wolfe**. **Rosa Rio** and **Ted Malone** put on a musical program. Anthony Tollin began coordinating the re-creations, something Joe Webb had done up to this time.

**1984.** Re-created were "Mr. District Attorney" with **Dwight Weist** and **Vicki Vola** and "Grand Central Station." Coming from the West Coast were **Frank Nelson** and **Veola Vonn**. **Eddie Layton** provided the music. Some new guests present were **Margaret Draper, Helene Dumas, Edith Meiser, Stella Reynolds, Adele Ronson, Joe DeSantis** and **Arthur Peterson**.

**1985.** At our 10th annual convention **Bill Robson** and **Lucille Fletcher** watched a re-creation of "Sorry, Wrong Number." One of the highlights was the re-creation of "The Lone Ranger" with many of the original cast performing. Also re-created was "Superman" starring **Jackson Beck**. **Leta Beemer Peterson**, widow of **Brace Beemer**, received a posthumous award for **Brace Beemer**. Some new guests present were **Lee Alan, Tony Caminita, Humphrey Davis, Tom Dougall, Fred Flowerday, Jim Fletcher, Ernie Winstanley, Whit Vernon, Rube and Liz Weiss**.

**1986.** **Willard Waterman** attended from California and starred in "The Great Gildersleeve" with **Shirley Mitchell** and **Louise Erickson**. Also re-created were "The Aldrich Family" with **Ezra Stone** and much of the original cast. **Gilbert Mack** entertained us with songs and chatter. Also re-created was "The Whistler." Other new guests present were **Vivian Della Chiesa** and **Sara Seeger**. The Dave Warren Players made their initial of many performances with "Tom Mix."

**1987.** **Barney Beck** and **Ray Erlenborn** now worked with **Terry Ross** on the sound effects. We did our first of 3 **Gateway to Hollywood** re-creations. Winners were **Carolyn Senter** and **David Zwengler**. Joining us from California were **John Archer, Les Tremayne** and **Bill Zuckert**. "The Thin Man" was re-created with **Les Tremayne** in the title role. Also re-created were "Young Widder Brown" with **Les Tremayne** and **Adele Ronson** and "Big Town" with **Frank Carlon, Mason Adams** and **Dwight Weist**. We started giving donations to worthy organizations. Some new guests were **Eric Arthur, Judith Bublick, Laurette Fillbrandt, Joseph Kahn, Joseph Nathan Kane, Elaine Kent, Joyce Randolph** and **Bob Steel**.

**1988.** The convention now began on Thursday evening. About 600 people attend the convention. **Arnold Moss** was featured in the re-creation of "Cabin B-13." **Carlton E. Morse** attended from California and watched the re-creation of "I Love a Mystery" with **Bob Dryden** and **Alice Reinheart**. Also from California were **Bob Hastings, Jackie Kelk** and **Richard Wilson**. **Jackson Beck** was featured in another re-creation of "Superman." **Arthur Anderson** directed a third episode of "Let's Pretend." **Robin Fields** and **Bill Daugherty** entertained us. Some new guests present were **Jeanne Harrison, Bob Hastings, Hildegarde, Jackie Kelk, Robert E. Lee, Jan Miner, Larry Robinson** and **Joan Shea**. During the evening festivities on Saturday, we were interrupted by an updated version of "War of the Worlds."

**1989.** See the full page description following.

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 14th Annual Convention from October 19th - 21st, 1989 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities present who received awards were: **Lee Falk, Earl George, Jean Gillespie, Ross Martindale, Charlie Mullen, George Ward, Charles Woods and Margaret Whiting.** Other celebrities present were **Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Barney Beck, Jackson Beck, Judith Bublick, Fran Carlon, Lon Clark, Nat Dickerson, Bob Dryden, Louise Erickson, Ray Erlenborn, Lee Erwin, Joe Franklin, Ruth Franklin, Bernie George, Bob Hastings, Ed Herlihy, Dick Hyman, Raymond Edward Johnson, Teri Keane, Robert E. Lee, Ann Loring, Gil Mack, Charlotte Manson, Arnold Moss, Bill Owen, Stella Reynolds, Ken Roberts, Adele Ronson, Terry Ross, Sidney Slon, Bob Steel, Margot Stevenson, Ezra Stone, Sybil Trent, Dwight Weist, Sam White, Florence Williams and Betty Wragge.** The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 5 radio shows.

The convention began on Thursday with cocktails and dinner. 96 fans and guests attended and talked informally throughout the evening.

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. 45 dealers were present during Friday and Saturday. 206 people attending dinner with another 89 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included: Gateway to Hollywood with auditions following; A tribute to Jack Benny and Mel Blanc was presented by **Larry and John Gassman, Walt Mitchell and Mary Lou Wallace; The Dave Warren Players** presented Duffy's Tavern and Tom Mix; **Raymond Edward Johnson** presented a stirring reading of "Wentworth's Day" by Lovecraft; **Robert Taylor** talked about his book, "Fred Allen;" **Jack French** presented a panel on The FBI and Radio. After dinner an award was given to Joe Franklin for his 40 years on radio. **Nick Carter** was re-created with **Lon Clark and Charlotte Manson**. A panel on growing up in radio concluded the evening. It had many child stars participating including Ray Erlenborn, Charlie Mullen, Ezra Stone, Jean Gillespie, Arthur Anderson, Bob Hastings, Teri Keane and George Ward.

On Saturday the panels and workshops included: Sound Effects (**Barney Beck**); Ellery Queen (**Ray Stanich and Bill Nadel**); a re-creation of Gateway to Hollywood; The Arthur Godfrey panel was hosted by **Lee Munsick** with **Lee Erwin, Nat Dickerson, Dick Hyman, Bernie George and Sam White**; The panel on World War II and Radio was hosted by **Gary Yogg and Doris Milberg** with **Jackson Beck, George Edwards, Jack French, Barry Hill and Dwight Weist**; Archie Andrews and Mandrake, the Magician were re-created with Bob Hastings and Charlie Mullen in Archie and Raymond Edward Johnson as Mandrake. Lee Falk directed Mandrake. **Charles Michelson** gave a talk on radio drama today.

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 319 people with another 166 coming for the day. After dinner "Remember Radio" was presented with many openings and excerpts of familiar shows. Performing were Daugherty and Field, entertainers from New York, The Dave Warren Players and several announcers and performers. The March of Time was then re-created starring Arnold Moss and Dwight Weist. Charles Michelson present an award to the Friends of Old-time Radio.

The awards were then given out. In addition to the ones mentioned earlier, they also included 2 Allen Rockford Awards presented to Terry Salomonson and Bob Burchett for their outstanding efforts in keeping radio alive. Special awards were given to Florence Williams and Dwight Weist. Both have attended our convention for 7 years and have always been willing to help.

I want to again thank all the guests who were very gracious in granting interviews and giving of their time to be with us.



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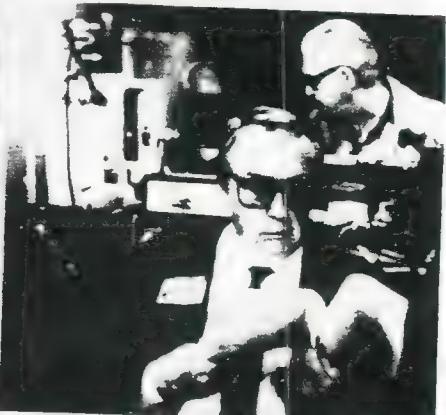
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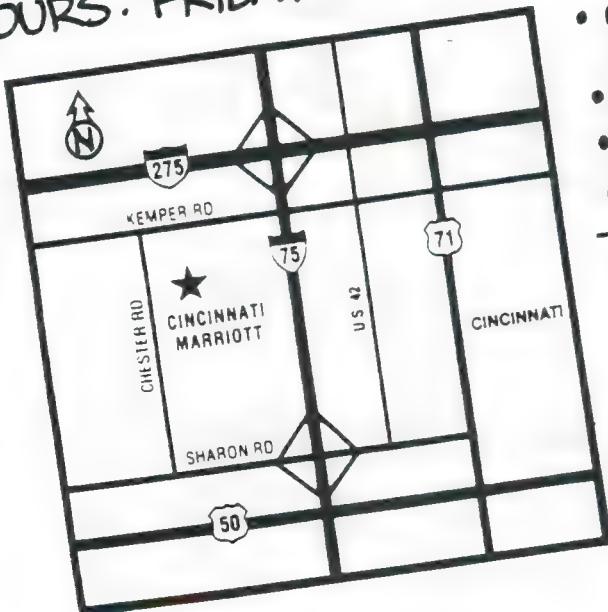
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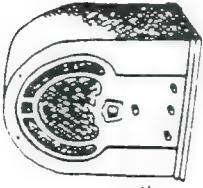
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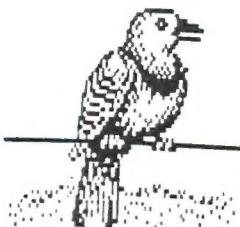
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